

ELEVATOR PERILS MAY BE AVERTED

Accident in Broadway Directs
Attention to the Need for
Greater Safety for the Millions
Who Ride Every Day.

MORE STRINGENT LAW IS NOW DEMANDED.

Formerly Operators Were Re-
quired to Pass Civil Service
Examinations, but None Have
Been Held for Six Years.

As a result of the fall of the elevator
at No. 74 Broadway, in which five per-
sons were injured, the Building De-
partment inspectors have been ordered
to examine all elevators. The accident
has called attention to the insufficiency
of the elevator inspection in this city.
Three times as many persons travel
on the elevators of the city in a day
as travel upon all the surface and
elevated lines, yet the Building De-
partment has little authority to enforce
its orders and protect these millions of
passengers. The department has prac-
tically no supervision in the matter of
selecting operators.

This latest accident will doubtless re-
sult in the passage of laws that will
enable the Superintendent of Buildings
to exercise greater power. At present
the department can only bring suit for
penalties in cases where the law is
violated.

The records of the department show
that there are 3,500 passenger elevators
in the city. Besides these are hundreds
of freight lifts, which are under the
control of the Factory Bureau. It is
estimated that each car makes 200 trips
a day and carries an average of six
passengers on each trip.

Millions Travel Every Day.
This means that 4,200,000 persons
travel up and down every day. The
elevated and surface lines carry only
1,500,000 passengers. The protection af-
forded by the city to elevator passen-
gers is not at all in proportion.

Inspections are frequently made by
the city inspectors, but the only recourse
against violators is in suing for the
penalty imposed by law. In this way
the violators escape for months or al-
together.

The building code provides that the
operator shall be at least eighteen
years old, of reliable and industrious
habits, with a month's experience under
an old operator. A few years ago all
operators for passenger elevators were
required to pass a Civil Service examina-
tion before the Superintendent, but the
Commissioners of the Department of
Public Works have no right under the law to
enforce such a rule.
Since 1880 no licenses have been issued
to operators. Small boys often control
the levers and men are broken in in
one day and entrusted with the lives
of hundreds of passengers. Without
the right to require every operator to
pass a test and secure a certificate the
Department is unable to cope with this
evil.

How the Law Is Violated.

Isaac A. Hopper, Superintendent of
Buildings, said today that the two ele-
vators in the building where the accident
occurred were put in operation
without a final inspection by the depart-
ment and that suits against the owners
of the building are now pending. If
this is proved in fact the owners are
liable to a fine of \$25 and \$5 a day for
every twenty-four hours the law was
violated. If the charge is proved it is
likely that an accusation of criminal
negligence will follow. The case is
being thoroughly investigated by the de-
partment.

Most of the elevators of this city are
of the hydraulic type, although the
electric has given satisfaction. The
elevator which slid through, or fell, last
Tuesday was known as a Frazier electric,
which, theoretically, seems to have
every possible safety device. The only
two of the kind which are in use in
this city were installed two years
ago, in the Arthur Building. They
were made under the design of one of
the consulting engineers of the Otis
Elevator Company. Elevators of the same
type are in use in San Francisco, Chi-
cago and Providence. It is, and owing
to the smoothness with which they
run and their very manner of control
they have been greatly admired by
electric engineers.

FIFTY PAINTERS STRIKE.

Decorators Quit Work on Criminal
Courts Building.

Fifty painters, representing the Inter-
ior of the Criminal Courts Building,
did not appear for work today, declar-
ing a strike against John L. Nelson &
Brother Company, the contractors. It
was said at the company's offices in
West Nineteenth street that the diffi-
culty had been settled and that the men
would return to work. Mr. McKay,
the manager, would give an explanation
of the cause of the walk-out.
The interior of the building is filled
with scaffolding, and all while was left
by the strikers. In addition they left
a bad odor of cleansing material which
the men in the various offices com-
plained.

Jerome on His Way Home.

District Attorney Jerome left Albu-
querque, N. M., night before last, and
is expected home late to-morrow. He
will speak before the Society of the
Genesee Saturday night, at the Wal-
dort-Astoria.

Oculists.

For headaches caused by eye
strain medicine is useless. In the Ehr-
lich Eye-Testing Rooms these Oculists
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223 Sixth Avenue, Below 18th St.
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SUNDAY MATINEE 11:30-2:30

EDMUND PANDGIRIS BOY HERO, WHOSE LAPSE OF MEMORY PUZZLES.



SHADOWS BETRAYED BURGLARS AT WORK

Patrolman Levy's Suspicion
Aroused by Sort of Vitascope
Performance On Window
Shad of a Tailor Shop.

Patrolman Samuel Levy, of the West
Forty-seventh street station, was sur-
prised early to-day as he was passing
No. 735 Tenth avenue at seeing the
shadows of two men on the curtain in
the window of the tailor shop of Joseph
Suba. The men seemed from their mo-
tions to be giving an imitation of pack-
ing a trunk with only about two min-
utes to catch a train.

Levy watched this imprudent vi-
sage performance for several seconds
and then called Roundsman Brady. The
two policemen entered the shop in time
to surprise two men. According to
the officers they were packing up all
the clothing in the place. When their
diversion was thus interrupted they
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GAZES ON WOMAN, THEN REMEMBERS

"I, Too, Have a Mother," Cries
Demented Edmund Pangiris
as He Gazes on Woman's
Body He Saved from Fire.

It was the face of an aged woman,
whom he had carried from a burning
building, that brought back the mem-
ory of his own home and mother to
Edmund Pangiris, the young medical
student who disappeared from his home
in Bath Beach and for eleven days
wandered along the cold road between
this city and Middletown, N. Y.

Reason did not return entirely to his
shattered mind. It was only a flash,
but the address at No. 16 Bay Twenty-
second street, Bay Side, Bath Beach,
which he repeated over and over to
those who saw him bring the woman's
lifeless body from the flames, was
sufficient to return him to his
home. He was sent to a sanitarium at
Greenwich, Conn., to-day in the hope
that a complete rest will affect a cure.

His gray-haired mother wept as she
saw her once brilliant son a physical as
well as a mental wreck. Long days
and nights out of doors without proper
food or rest had left him weak and
emaciated. The one thought in his mind
was to reach the home of Bessie White,
a thirteen-year-old girl to whom he be-
came greatly attached when in the
mountains at Delhi last summer.

Fearful He Had Killed Himself.
The young man left home without
warning, and for eleven days his dis-
appearance was complete. His mother
feared he had killed himself, as he had
often threatened to do if he found there
was no cure for the mental malady
which he felt creeping upon him.

Pangiris was a student at the Long
Island College and was taking his re-
gents' examination at the Grand Cen-
tral Palace at the time of the explosion
in the subway. His mother believes
that the shock affected his mind, for he
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has never been himself since. Later he
had a sunstroke.

The realization that his own mind
was becoming shattered developed in
the youth a mania for the study of in-
sanity. He read on the subject prob-
ably and professed to know his own
illness exactly. He told his mother
and friends time and again that he
would kill himself when he found that
he was hopelessly insane.

In the medical books in his room there
were many pages on insanity which
were pencil marked and worn. He had
poured over them for hours, and teach-
ers at the Long Island Medical College
say he really was able to diagnose his
own case. His observations of his
affliction have been of great benefit to
the profession.

Memory left him completely very sud-
denly. His mother and friends thought
he was growing better, when late one
night he said he was going for a cigar
and left the house. He did not return,
and all night his mother worried. In
the morning she notified the police, but
a thorough search of all the places he
was wont to visit failed to reveal any
trace of him.

He had but five cents in his pocket,
and was without food the greater part
of the eleven days. Some one gave him
an overcoat, for he was thinly clad.
He cannot remember where he got the
coat.

Wanted to Reach Girl.
The thought uppermost in his weak-
ened mind was to reach the home of
the little girl in the mountains. He
hoped to reach her wife, and live in
a mountain cabin. Her influence had
soothed him in the summer, and the
morning she left with her to the sur-
roundings of nature would restore
his reason.

Walking along the railroad tracks
near Middletown he saw a shanty on
fire, and through the window he saw
an old woman helpless in bed. He ran
into the building, wrapped the woman
in the blankets and carried her into the
fresh air. She was badly burned and
unconscious from the smoke. As he
held her in his arms he rubbed her
face, and she slowly opened her eyes.
For a long time he held the old woman
in his arms, gazing into her face.
A light of understanding took the place
of the void look in his eyes. It was the
partial return of memory.

"I, too, have a mother and a home,"
he said to those who had gathered
round to applaud his brave act. "She
lives at No. 16 Bay Twenty-second street,
Bay Side, Bath Beach."

The spectators, as he was de-
parted, and led him away to a warm
house. Some one had read of his dis-
appearance in The Evening World, and
a telegram was sent to his mother.
Friends were soon on the way to bring
him back.

His friends fear that it will be sev-
eral months, if ever, before he is en-
tirely well again.

AGED VANDERBILT NEARS DEATH'S DOOR

Niece of the Commodore, Aged
92, Very Low—Said to Be
Worth \$10,000,000—Fami-
liar Figure in Wall Street.

Elizabeth Vanderbilt, a stately old
lady of ninety-two, who is remembered
by the older generation of New Yorkers
as a relative of Commodore Vanderbilt,
is dying in a modest apartment at No.
83 Columbus avenue. For twenty-five

years she has lived almost the life of a
recluse. It was considered one of her
eccentricities that she ignored the other
members of the Vanderbilt family.

Miss Vanderbilt possesses a striking
resemblance to her relative, Commodore
Vanderbilt. She is six feet tall and the
weight of years had not bowed her erect
carriage. Here was a familiar figure to
the few bankers in Wall street with
whom she had business dealings. Up
to three weeks ago she visited them un-
accompanied. It is believed she will
leave a fortune.

Elizabeth Vanderbilt was born in
New Dorp, S. I., and although as a
girl she had suitors aplenty, she never
married. She has lived for the last
twenty-five years with her niece, Mrs.
Elizabeth Dodin, who moved to this
city from Morristown, N. J., five years
ago. Her father was Oliver Vanderbilt,
a steamship owner.

Except during her present illness,
when she called in Dr. Bryan H. Ca-
ples, of No. 110 West One Hundred and
Fourth street, she has not employed a
physician since 1887, when she had the
whooping cough at the age of seventy-
five.

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PUBLIC SATISFACTION, with the best service, the best assortments and the lowest prices.

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THESE SALES ARE PROGRESSIVE—the interest widens and deepens each week. Women have
come to look forward to these Friday Sales and to expect the unusual, and they are never
disappointed here.
Values that bring many, many converts to the rank and file of Abraham & Straus shoppers.

Fine Bric-a-Brac and Clocks At Great Reductions.

THE February sale is now well on its way in
the Bric-a-Brac and Clock Store, and fas-
cinating as are the exhibits there, they can-
not be more pleasing than the prices. Never be-
fore has there been such an opportunity as this to
buy all that is best at prices that are the least. A
stroll through the department is a treat in itself,
and there are opportunities for all to purchase.

Bric-a-Brac.
10c. to 98c., worth 25c. to \$1.50. A large variety of
blue Ornamental, Flower, Holders, Trays, etc.
60c., worth 98c. Hand painted colored Steins.